IN INTEREST OF HUMANITY

Conference of Charities and Corrections.

AN APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT

Report on "Criminals, Their Punishment and Reformation."

Report Maintained That One-Half of Reformatory Inmates Are Abnormal and Should Be Impris-

oned for Life.

Richmond, Va., May 8 .- Throughout the session of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections today, there was an element of appeal to the Federal government for relief of conditions more or less detrimental to the interest of humanity, the echo at to-night's general session being an urgent request to Congress not to pass the bill said to have been prepared by labor union leaders which provides that products manufactured in penal and reformatory institutions, shall be provides deprived of the right of competition with goods made by men and women about whom there is no stain of criminal guilt.

report of the Committee The report of the Committee on "Criminals, Their Punishment and Reformation," the general topic of the evening session, maintained that one-half of the reformatory and prison inmates are abnormal and should be imprisoned for life. Speaking for the committee, Chairman W. H Whit-taker, Superintendent of the Indian Reformatory, declared that friendship, love and the spirit of the square deal, if applied to these unfortunates, would mean the salvation of 90 per cent of their number. Official announcement holding that much was already being their number to provide for was made that the committee on Time and Place had selected Buffalo as the conference city for 1908. The choice

establishment by the United board of control for the management of United States prisoners, were advocated today at section meetings. Dr. Walter Lindley of California, speaking before the public health section said that the conference should urge to provide a proper health department, even if it was necessary to amend the constitution. In discussing the discussion badly, upon the facts of the constitution. In discussing the case cipline and employment of United case. States prisoners, W. H. Whittaker, States prisoners, W. H. Whittaker Superintendent of the Indiana Reform atory at Jeffersonville, maintained that a Congressional Committee was not qualified to look after the conduct of

Bad Housing Conditions. Miss Harriet Fulmer, Superintendent of the Visiting Nurses Association of Chicago, in an address before the pubquarters came next to intoxication as one of the causes of poverty.

Two-thirds of the reform measures which are yearly talked over at the National Conference of Charities bear upon bad housing conditions. Twothirds of the delinquent children come from homes where bad and poor ventiliation predominates; two-thirds of the Dealing with the deserting fathers; come from the charity in dealing with unemployed."

Miss Fulner stated that drunken ness leads the list in causes for the necessity of reform work but that bad housing conditions are close second. Her plea was for a national concentrated action for better housing conditions for the poor and small wage

using reforms is not a local effort; it is a great national problem. It touches close to the practical solution of the great white plague. It means moral, decent citizenship. Some excellent work has been done by the tenement house committee of New York, the City Homes Association of Chicago, the committee of one hundred

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on public health. These movements are either local or interested in all the sources affecting public health. What we want in order to awaken na-

What we want in order to awaken national interest and widespread reform is one great movement with housing reforms as its only specific purpose. All this work should be under municipal control, but until the public conscience is awakened we are not going to make any great strides in reforming conditions."

The special meeting of the day devoted to statistics was perhaps the most interesting, the features being a paper prepared by Frederick L. Hoffman, statistician of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, in which he attacked the system of old age pensions and the reply of Mayor George A. Hibbard, of Boston, declaring that he would not discharge the old emhe would not discharge the old emtheir health and energy in its ser

Old Age and Poverty. Mr. Hoffman discussed at some length the subject of old age as the cause of poverty, stating at the outset of his address that the problem of the aged poor is world wide and something must be done for them either through private charity or the State. The problem which confronts society is whether what is to be done for the aged poor should rest on a sound economic basis, rather than that the circumstances should be governed by irrational and precarious sentiment. The subject of State pensions in old age is attracting a considerable amount of attention in the United States and a special commission has been appointed in Massachusetts to examine into its practicability in that State. In Wisconsin, Illinois, Florida and other set of his address that the problem

Wisconsin, Illinois, Florida and other States attention is being given to the subject of State insurance untary and compulsory basis. In England the investigations and reports find their most radical embodiment in the scheme of Charles Booth for free and

scheme of Charles Booth for free and universal old age pensions, beginning with the age of sixty-five; for an amount of \$1.20 a week.

In continuation Mr. Hoffman discussed in some detail the technical problems of old-age pension systems of Germany and Austria, and at some length the numerous proposals for old-age pensions in England. In his opinion a contribution pension scheme opinion a contribution pension scheme was the only workable solution of an extremely complex problem, but much more preferable would be measures and means by which any State system or old-age pensions could be avoided.

Mr. Hoffman then discussed methods

done by wage-earners to provide for support in their old age, and that much and Place had selected Buffalo as the conference city for 1908. The choice was between Buffalo, Denver, Oklahoma City and Los Angeles. The conference voted unanimously to confirm "that the agitation for State pensions that the agitation for State pensions that the agitation for State pensions that the agitation for State is the advised in in the United States is ili-advised in that the problem of poverty in old-age, States government of a public health as generally met with, is primarily the department and the appointment of a result of ill-spent years, or ill-spent board of control for the management earnings, or ill-spent savings, and what earnings; or ill-spent savings, and what is needed most is rational education

Safeguard Against Poverty Concluding, the speaker said that the chief safeguard against poverty and dependence in old age is a thoroughly sound and well-conducted family life, penal institutions, members of which such as prevails in the preponderating had little personal knowledge of the majority of American homes. In this truly lies the strength of the people, and not in the money in the banks, nor, for that matter, in policies of insurance, or in contracts of annuities. All these are means to an end, but at Chicago, an an an array of the Relation of lic health section on "The Relation of the root of the problem of poverty and old age lies the proper conception of ity Worker," said that inferior living quarters came next to intoxication as doubt would be weakened and partly destroyed by reliance upon State port in old age.
At this session Miss Kate Holladay
Claghorn of the Tenement House Department of New York read a paper

on "The Use and Misuse of Statistics

PAVING WORK DONE.

Burton Avenue Sidewalks Completed— Paving of Montgomery Street.

City Engineer A. R. Gilchrist made official inspection of the paving of sidewalks on Burton Avenue yesterday and saw that they were good. The paving is continuous along the one extensive block on the Avenue.

Representatives of the Southern Bit-ulithic Company of Memphis, contractor for the paving of Montgomery Street, have arrived in the city and within a few days will install their machinery for the laying of the bitu-lithic pavement. The apparatus is now in Mobile where the company has been

TUTTLE AVENUE EXTENSION. Filing of Deed Makes Continuance of

Street Possible.
The formal filing of a deed by which the city of Montgomery obtains a right of way through the Robertson property, known as the poor house place, makes possible the extension of Tuttle Avenue from Hall Street into the terminus of Thurman Avenue. The right of way to be gotten is al-ready used in part by the South Jack-son Street line of the Montgomery Traction Company which obtained its deed from the owners of the property. The new street will be fifty feet wide.

DEPOT IN FLORENCE. Southern Railway Will Open Station

Florence, May .8—(Special.)—M. .C. Browder, Secretary of the Young Men's Commercial Club received a letter from Commercial Club received a letter from an official of the Southern Railway Company which stated that the new Southern depot will soon be opened.

The depot was completed about six months ago, but a dispute over the crossing of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad track has delayed its occu-Railroad track has delayed its occu-

The old depot was burned several years ago and the Commercial Club has been working for a new one ever

ewelry

BEAUVOIR CLUB SOLD

BEAUTIFUL HOME ON PERRY

B. Joseph, as Agent For Unpublish Party, is Purchaser—Club Will Have Rooms in Bell Building.

The beautiful home of the Beauvoir Club, located on South Perry street, has been sold. For a consideration of \$34,500, a committee of the club members disposed of the property to E. B. Joseph, acting as agent for a party whose name at the present time is not divulged.

Great interest attaches to this transaction, not only because it represents one of the largest real estate sales of a private dwelling ever consummated in Montgomery, but more especially because of the fact that the building sold is one of the handsomest of the Colonial homes in this section of the country, and is representative of the wealth and culture of the old South When, several weeks ago, the an nouncement was made that the Beau voir Club would after October of the present year move into the new building, having leased the top for ten years, it was also known that present time no intimation was given that a purchaser had been found will-

ing to pay the price demanded.

There is no definite information as to the intention of the purchaser of the property with regard to its utilization. whether it will be used as a private residence, or will be demolished for some other purpose cannot be learned. A rumor is current that the present building will be torn down and the property sold as lots, but no verification of it has been obtained.

In accordance with the terms of the sale, the purchaser assumes a mortgage of \$25,000 now on the property, and has paid to the club the sum of \$500. As soon as the deed of con-\$500. As soon as the deed of conveyance is signed, an additional payment of \$2,500 will be made, provided the deed be signed within fifteen days after the delivery of the abstract. The final payment of \$6,500 will be made September 1. The abstract was delivered yesterday, and it is improbable that any hitch will occur in able that any fitch with control of the sale is that the club be allowed to occupy the property until November I without rental. The club expects to remove to the Bell building October I, but in case of delay will still have

The property formerly belonged to the Knox estate, passing into the hands of E. Roman, who disposed of it to the Beauvoir Club on the oc-casion of its removal from its home on Bibb street, at present occupied by the Elks Club. It is ideally located, having a frontage of 194 feet on Perry street and 126 feet on Lawrence street. Set far back in the lot, upon which are some of the most beautiful oak trees of the city, the handsome dwelling seems typical of the aristocracy of ante-bellum days. The hope has been expressed by many that the building will continue to be used as a residence.

The Beauvoir Club will entertain The Beauvoir Club will entertain Monday night at a german, which promises to be one of the most brilliant affairs of the season. This entertainment will possibly be the last ever given by the Club in its old home, and the air of sentiment necessarily induced by the circumstances lends to it a peculiar unusual interest. The Club will be beautifully decorated and the attendance will doubtless be very the attendance will doubtless be large. No effort will be spared to make the affair a memorable one in society

THROWN BALL INJURES SMALL BOY SERIOUSLY

baseball, thrown by a companion, struck the son of Benjamin B. Smith, residing at 1019 South Perry Street. while the lad was playing on the grounds of the Bellinger Heights School yesterday morning, and inflicted physically ill children; one-third of the mentally deficient children; one-third of the shiftless mothers; two-thirds of the deserting fathers; come from the charity organization Society of the deserting fathers; come from the charity in dealer of the limitations of the deserting fathers; come from the charity in dealer or needy families, Porter R. Lee, Secretary of unconscious by the impact and though his skull was not fractured, it was feared that there might have been a

feared that there might have been a concussion of dangerous character.

The boy, in sport with his school follows, was struck accidentally. Immediately afterwards he was taken into the school, where he had surgical attention. He was revived and it is believed that there will be no lasting results from the injury.

WORK ON BRIDGES.

Span Over Genetta Ditch on South Law-

rence Street Completed. The concrete bridge over Ditch at South Lawrence Street crossing has been completed by the contractors and is ready for use. The contractors next will commence work on the contractors next will commence work on the ditch at South Methe bridge over the ditch at South Mc-

Donough Street.
Other bridges of similar design and material are to be constructed at the intersection of the ditch with South Perry, South Court and South Hull

STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

The Washtenaw Stuck Fast on Sand Keys Near Sandy Hook. New York, May 8.—The flare of Coston light burning red in the fog blankets that enshrouded the Atlantio blankets that enshrouded the Atlantic late today, was the signal to the beach patrol of the Chadwick life saving station that a vessel, the tank steamer Washtenaw, laden with oil from Sabine. Tex., was fast on the keys that skirt the shores off Monmouth Beach, N. J., tweety, five miles south of Sandy Hock

the shores off Monmouth Beach, N. J., twenty-five miles south of Sandy Hook.

The Washtenaw lies within 300 feet of the beach in the pitch and pound of the turbulent seas.

The oil carrier is in no immediate danger tonight, and her crew of the late. danger tonight, and her crew of thirty-six have not been taken off by the life savers who succeeded in shooting a line

to the stranded ship.
Several attempts were made to launch life boats when the steamer was discovered, but the surf was too high. A Lyle gun carried a line to the oil tank and one of the crew was the oil tank and one of the crew was brought ashore in the breeches buoy. He reported that the Washtenaw was wedged fast and that her engines had made several futile attempts to get her into deep water. The steel tank was standing the buffeting seas without much difficulty and it was hoped to get her off on the next flood tide.

The Washtenaw helongs to the

The Washtenaw belongs to the Union Steamship Company and was built in 1887 at West Hartlepool, Engand. She was formerly known as the Oxford. The tank steamer has 2.897 gross tonnage and is 315 feet in length.

ADAIR IS RECEIVER.

Atlanta Real Estate Man Will Handle

Atlanta Real Estate Man Will Handle Inman Estate.

Atlanta, Ga., May 8.—Forrest Adair of this city, was today appointed receiver for the estate of the late Walker P, Inman, valued in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000. The appointment was made by Judge Pendleton of the Ful-ton County Superior Court on applicaof John L| Hopkins & Sons, and

tion of John L. Hopkins & Sons, and King. Spalding & Little.

This action follows closely the appointment of receivers for the cotton firm of Inman & Co. of Augusta. in which James R. Bray, one of the heirsat-law of the Walter P. Inman estate

was a partner.

James R. Gray. executor, and Mrs. Morris Brandon, executrix of the estate, are enjoined by the court from in any way interfering with the manage-ment of the estate by the recevier. The receiver's bond was fixed at \$50,000.

sentative Slayton today formerly re-ported Representative Richardson's FIELD DAY ON CAMPUS bill, providing for an additional place

for holding court at Florence TRADESMAN'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

of New Industries and Industrial Development in the South.

Chattanooga. Tenn, May 8.—(Spacial.)—The accompanying list, obtained from The Tradesman, indicates the important new industries estab lished in the Southern States during the week ending today. A careful study of the list will reeval a most gratifying indevrsification of industries, and a large number devoted to the development of the natural resources of the various States. Among the concerns reporting the heaviest capitalization may be mentioned a \$2.000.000 old and ges company. 000,000 oil and gas company in West Virginia; a \$1,000,000 lead and zinc company and a \$350,000 oil and gas company in Oklahoma; a \$250,000 fiume company in North Carolina; a 175,000 warehouse and tobacco company in Virginia; a water works company in Tennessee: a \$100,000 gravel washing plant in Mississippi; a \$150,000 mining ompany in Kentucky;a \$50,000 oil mill-

The complete list for the week as authorized by The Tradesman is as fol-Alabanes.
Birmingham—\$20.000 lumber

pany; automobile company. Arkansas.
Texarkana—\$100,000 mining Nashville-Woodworking plants. Heber-Saw mill. Pine Bluff-Stave will.

ompany. Georgia

Georgia.
Adele—\$50,000 oil mill.
Kentucky.
Ashland—\$5,000 automobile company.
Louisville—\$5,000 construction company; \$25,000 gelatine works.
Montgomery — \$25,000 construction

mpany. Hickman-\$10,000 gin and grain ompany. Flemingsburg-\$8,000 light and ice ompany. Madisonville-\$150,000 mining com-

pany.
Corinth-\$6,400 creamery.
Diamond Springs-\$48,000 oil and gas company.
Mt. Stirling-\$12,000 telephone com-

Glasgow-Saw mill. Louisiana. New Orleans—\$30,000 oll company: \$200,000 gravel company. Ehreveport—Two \$50,000 oil compa-

Mississippi.
Holly Springs-\$10,000 chemical company. Columbus—\$10,000 planing mill. Brookhaven—\$100,000 gravel wash-Missouri.

St. Louis-\$50,000 construction com-Kansas City-\$5,000 supply company.

North Carolina. Washington-\$50,000 manufacturing company.

Millboro-\$50,000 chair factory. Rural Hall-\$25,000 veneer and lumer company. Waynesville-\$250,000 flume company. Gastonia-\$75,000 ice and coal com-

Oklahoma. Oklahoma City-\$100,000 light and power company; \$25,000 spring bed factory; \$100,000 steam cooker com-Mountain View-\$10,000 loan com-

McAlester-\$15,000 construction company.
Nowata-\$5,000 brick and tile works;
\$5,000 oil company; \$18,000 oil and gas Sapulpa-\$10,000 oil and gas com-

Garvin—\$15,000 supply company. Harrah—\$25,000 land company. Manitou—\$15,000 cotton gin. Aline=\$15,000 cotton gin. Tulsa—Two \$25,000 oil companies;

oil refinery. Checotah-\$50,000 oil and gas company.

Alpine-\$10,000 oil company. Heavener—Lumber company.

Guthrie—\$1,090,000 lead and zinc.
ompany; \$350,000 oil and gas company.

Korn—Telephone system.

Muskogee—\$10,000 oil company; land South Carolina.

Lancaster-\$30,000 water works, Alken—Gip and milling company.

Tennessee.

Columbia—\$3.000 phosphate plant. Columbia—\$10,000 launday.

Gleason—\$10,000 canning factory.

Elizabethton—Water works.

Knoxville — \$5,000 manufacturing.

ompany. Texas. Mingus-\$8,000 brewery. Mingus—\$8,000 brewery.
Shiner—Ice factory; creamery.
San Antonio—Amusement company.
Ft. Worth—\$10,000 lumber company.
Charlie—\$10,000 cotton gin.
Virginia.

Kenbridge-\$75,000 warehouse and obacco company. Pulaski-\$20,000 foundry and ma-

Chester—\$20,000 oil and gas com-

Charleston-\$45,000 coal and coke ompany. Grafton-Land company.

DISTRIBUTING FUNDS.

Colonel Craig is in Albertville Carying for Sufferers.

Albertville, Ala. May 8.—Col. J. W. Craig, U. S. A. who is here to assist in distributing the appropriation made by Congress for the storm sufferers, has been advised that between \$12,000 and \$15,000 will be available for Albertville and vicinity.

bertville and vicinity.

The amount will not be paid in cash. but will be used to provide tents, cots, but will be used to plothing. One car load of tents has already arrived. Colo-nel Craig's report showed that approxi-mately 1,250 people in Albertville and vicinity were rendered homeless and

needed assistance. GIFT TO BIBLE SOCIETY.

Mrs. Russell Sage Offers Big Sum on a Condition. New York. May 8.—The American Bible Society has received from Mrs.
Russell Sage an offer to contribute \$500,000 toward a permanent endowment for the society, on condition that an additional \$500,000 shall be conan additional \$500,000 shall be con-tributed for the same purpose before the end of the fiscal year. The reports of the organization for 1907 show that during the year the so-clety distributed 1.800,000 Bibles, Testa-ments and Scripture portions. These were printed in about 100 different lan-guages, and were circulated in all

guages, and were parts of the globe. RECLAIMS PLAYER.

were circulated in all

Meridian Ball Tenm Demands Out-fielder Josh Devore. Meridian, Miss., May 8.—The local association tonight sent a telegram to August Herrmann, Secretary of the National Commission, reclaiming Out-fielder Josh Devore from the New York

National League Club, to which he was sold last year for \$759.

The terms were \$375 cash with the balance to be paid May I or the player returned. The last payment was not made, and the player is accordingly demanded. Herrmann wires he will matter up at once. party take the matter up at once. College Baseball.

Chattanooga. Tenn. May S. Univerty of Chattanooga. 4: Birmingham

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ENGAGE IN OUTDOOR CONTESTS D. Hans Scores Highest Individual Points and Miss Ligon of Mo-bile is Crowned as the

rsity, /May / 18.- (Special.) -The nnual University field day exercises took place yesterday and proved to be a great success in spite of the heavy clouds and wintry breezes. While the crowd in attendance was

somewhat smailer than heretofore, the receipts were larger than usual and the Athletic Association is \$250 better off as a result of the day's events.

In the morning the comic field day stunts were pulled off. These included the potato race, won by B. T. Hauer: the three-legged race, won by R. Duke, and W, H. Shughter, turtle-back race, won by C. S. Hurd and Jere Austhi; shoe race, won by R. R. Duke,

wheelbarrow race, won by D. B. Pratt and B. L. Noojin, and the obstacle race, won by D. B. Pratt. Other morning events were running basss, won by D. B. Pratt, throwing baseball, won by D. B. Pratt, and in Georgia: a \$100,000 mining company bases, won by D. B. Pratt; throwing and a \$100,000 oil and gas company baseball, won by D. B. Pratt, and in Arkansas, and an automobile company kicking football; won by J. C. Priohard.

A number of races between contest-ants from the Tuscaloosa public schools also took place in the forenoon and elicited much interest and applause From 12 to 1 o'clock a barbacue din

ner and light refreshments were served under tents erected on the campus, the races being resumed soon thereafter.

The 100 yard dash was won by W. H. Slaughter, with B. L. Neojin a close Slaughter, with B. L. Noojin a close second. D. B. Pratt came in for third Hot Springs-\$100,000 oil and gas

In the pole vault, H. P. Ford made first place and T. D. Haas, second. The 220 yard dash resulted: B. L. Noejin, first: W. H. Slaughter, sec-Noojin, first: W. H. Slaughter, second, and D. B. Pratt, third.
One hundred and twenty yard hurdles: H. P. Ford, first: T. D. Haas, second: W. H. Robertson, third.
Running high jump: T. D. Haas, first: J' E. Noojin, second.

Two hundred and twenty yard hurdles: T. D. Haas, first; H. P. Ford. second; W. H. Robertson, third. Bour hundred and forty yard dash:
W. H. Slaughter, first; B. L. Noojin,
second, and T. W. Palmer, third.
Running broad jump: D. B. Pratt,
first; J. H. Allen, second, T. D. Haas, Half mile run: T. W. Palmer, first

P. P. Brinkman, second. Shot put: J. B. Prichard. Class relay: Seniors, first: juniors, econd: sophomores, third; freshmen, ourth. Senior team, T. B. Ward, B. Noojin, R. R. Duke and H. P.

Mile run, W. H. Robertson, first; Everett Wilkinson, second; T. W. Pal-

Everett Wilkinson, second; T. W. Palmer, third.

All of the winners received prizes, the donors in most cases being the metchants of Tuscaloosa.

The individual winning the greatest number of points was T. D. Haas, and to his lot fell the privilege of crowning the May Queen. A spirited voting contest had been in progress all day for the queenship, and when the polls were closed in the afternoon it was found that Miss Margherita Ligon, of Mobile, a charming member of the of Mobile, a charming member of the junior class, had been selected for this

honor by a large majority.

Subsequent to the crowning of the queen, which took place from an eleva-tion on the western part of the cam-pus, the beautiful Max-pole dance oc-curred, participated in by fifteen young girls. This closed the program for the

CARDINAL IS PLEASED.

Logue Goes to New York to Preach Washington, May 8.—Cardinal Logue left Washington today for New York, where on next Sunday he will preach at high mass in St. Patrick's Cathe-

It is Hisbanpsention to leave New man Executive Committee, and Mrs. James R. Hagan, Musical Director. York on hierather for a tour of the United States Soing first to Boston and Nlagare Falls, and later as far west as Chicago.

The leave-taking of the distinguished churchman was the occasion of a notable tribute in his honor. Nearly all of the archbishops and bishops of the Catholic Church in America and many preminent laymen called at St.

Patrick's Theory, where the cardinal many preminent laymen called at St.
Patrick's vectory, where the cardinal
has been a guest since his arrival here
last Monday, of Father Russell, to
pay their respects and hid him good
bye.

He seeined gratified at the honor
shown him, and declared himself, much
pleased with his trip to the national
capital.

STEAMERS IN COLLISION.

The Matchia and a Hamburg Liner
Come Together.
Portland, England, May 8.—The British steamer Matania; from London from Calcutta, has been in collision with a steamer of the Hamburg-American

line at a point twenty miles south of The name of the Hamburg liner has not yet been ascertained. The Mata-nia has returned here with her stern broken and other damages. The collision occurred in a deuse fog. The extent of the damage to the German steamer is not known. A tug has gone out from here in search of her.

The steamer that was in collision with the Matania was the Brasila.

freighter belonging to the Hamburg-American Line. She came into this port this afternoon. She was struck on the port bow above the water line. After a survey she proceeded for Ham-

NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION.

No Violations of Hepburn Law by Interstate Railroads Reported.

Washington, May 8.—No official information is in possession of the Interstate Commerce Commission concern-

ing violations by interstate railroads of the so-called commodity provisions of the Hepburn rate daw and the Commission has no knowledge whatever of any agreement or understanding be-tween railroad companies and the authorities charged with the duty of en-forcing the law whereby the railway companies affected by the commodity provision are to be given immunity from punishment for its violation. The Commission recommends, howver, that Congress enact a provision ever, that Congress enact a provision extending the operation of the commo-dity chause of the Hepburn act in the interest of fairness to the railroads, se that sufficient time may be had to test in the courts the validity of the enactment.

Rebels to China.

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May 5 The Foreign Board has asked the assistance of C. V. E. Banat, the French Minister to China. In Happs, the French annister to China, in the suppression of several thousand rebels, who, according to a telegram from the Goyernor of Yunan Province, have captured the Lapou Pass on the Tonking border and who possess French arms and who have been trained by Frenchmen.

Bryan Meets Committeemen Lincoln, Neb., May 8.-W. J. Bryan today met the members of the Demo-cratic National Executive Committee who are on their way to Denver. Mr. Bryan, who was waiting at the station, first greeted Norman E. Mack of Buffalo and Roger Sullivan of Illinois, then shook hands with each member of the

Col. T. H. Hanter Dead.

Nashville. Tenn... May 8—Colonel
Thomas H. Banter, United States Marshal for West Tennessee. under Presilent McKmley., leading Republican.
newspaper editor and Colonel of the

55th Tennessee Infantry in the Confederate Army, died at his home in TWO ARE EXECUTED McKenzie teday.

WILL BREAK CAMP.

a member of the Mobile battery, who was in town on leave this morning.

We are at a disadvantage in the drill

as infantry. We have never handled rifles before in drill and were thrown

the infantry work comes hard. How

ever, we are learning and next year we will be ready for any work they see fit to put us at."

Mobile, May 8.—(Special.)—The Mo-bile Council, No. 666, Knights of Co-

lumbus, will assist in the initiation of a large class by the Biloxi (Miss.) Council Sunday morning. About 250 Knights will go from this place and

after the initiation, they will be ten-dered a reception and banquet. They will return to Mobile midnight Sun-

Cleveland Improving. Lakewood, N. J., May 8.—Further en-

couraging reports came today from the notel where former President Cleveland

is still confined by illness. Mrs. Cleve-

land was the authority for the an-nouncement tonight that her husband

was doing splendidly. It is expected

that plans will be made to remove Mr. Cleveland to his home at Princeton as

soon as normal May weather arrives.

Macon, Ga., May 8 .- Special Officer

Jack Wilson tonight shot and killed Lonnie Williams, driver of a sanitary

dairy wagon, at Crumps Park. Wil-liams had been making trouble at the park, and when Officer Wilson put him

out he fired three times at the latter.

French Balloon Contestants. Paris, May 8,—Count. Henri de

Vaulx, Jacquez Faure and Aifred Le Blans, the aeronauts, have been select-

ed as the French representatives in the international balloon contest for the James Gordon Bennett cup in Berlin

Verdict Against London Times.

London, May 8.—John Murray, the publisher, has secured a verdict of \$37,-500 damages against The London Times

because The Times accused the pub-

lishing firm of extortion in selling the letters of the late Queen Victoria at a

Ludovic Halevy Dead.

tnown dramatic authority and novelist. Halevy was a member of the French Academy and was born in this city July 1 ,1834...

Pivot Bridge Club.

Mobile, May, 8.—(Special.)—The members of the Pivot Bridge Club and the substitutes, Mrs. Charles Hall, Mrs.

Donald, Mrs. Hoffman, and Mrs. Nor-

borne Clarke, were delightfully enter-tained today by Mrs. Shelten Sims at

her pretty home on LeMoyne Place.

Handsome hydrangess in blue and white, decorated the rooms and tables

where a dainty ice course was served and the prize for each table was a cake plate in Haviland china.

At the annual meeting of the Clara Schurmann Club the following officers were elected: Mrs. George Leftwich,

were elected: Mrs. George Leitwich, President; Mrs. Neander Crane, Vice-President; Mrs. John Moulton, Secre-tary; Miss Salome Garnett, Treasurer; Miss Louise Flinn, Chairman of Music Committee; Miss Emilie Boone, Chair-

Paris, May 8.—The death is ounced of Ludovic Halevy, the

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GUATEMALA'S PRESIDENT HANDS OUT DEATH SENTENCES. Alabama Artillerists to Leave Fort
Mobile, May 8.—(Special.)—The Mobile and Seima artillery companies,
now encamped at Fort Morgan for instruction and practice with the big Those Executed by His Orders Recently Were Colonel Solozano and Vin-cente Cezona, Two of Guate-mala's Prominent Citizens. City of Mexico, May 8.—News has reached this city of the execution at Antigua of Colonel Solozano, com-mandant of the Guatemalan military coast-defence guns, will break camp Sunday morning and return to this cit; during the day.
"We are being treated royally," said

academy and Vincente Cezona, one of the wealthiest and most prominent men in Guatemala. The execution place under orders from Estrada One of the ancient prisons of the country is located at Antigua and the men have been confined in this since the recent attempt on the life of

President Cabrera. As Washington Views It. Washington, May 8.—There has been no lack of information supplied the State Department regarding the turbulence and unrest following the cent attempt on the life of President Cabrera of Guatemala.

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With these details before them, it is the conclusion of officials here that conditions will again assume the normal among the Central American republics which have seemingly been involved by the disturbance simply by the lapse of time, if no new element of irritation is injected. More than a week ago. Ambassador Thompson inweek ago, Ambassador Thompson in-formed the State Department from the City of Mexico that President Diaz of Mexico had considered, but decided against increasing the regular border garrisons on the Guatemalan line. Some days later United States Minister Heimke at Guatemala City report-ed to the Department that it was gen-erally believed there that Mexico had begun a movement of troop mobilization on the Mexico-Guatemalan fron tier. On the authority of the Thomp-son dispatch Minister Heimke was in-formed that such was not the case. The one thing which makes an in-ternational incident of the recent at-tempt on the life of Cabrera, is regarded here as the attempt to arrest

General Miguel O. Bustillo, Honduran confidential agent in Guatemala City, as one of the conspirators. General Bustillo was given refuge in the Mexican legation, where he still remains. Should nothing be done in his case un-til public excitement has subsided, and he then be allowed to depart, it is believed here the international phase of the occurrence will have ended.

Negro is Hanged.

Lawrenceville, Ga., May 8—Henry
Campbell, colored, was hanged here today for the murder of Ella Hudson, a negro woman, last January. Hudson, husband of the murdered man, had previously been given a life sentence for the same crime.

Good Roads in Colbert. Tuscumbia, May 8—(Special)—The Commissioners of Colbert County through Chairman O. G. Simpson, has set apart next Wednesday, May 13th, as "Good Roads Day" in Colbert Coun-ty, at which time discussions of a public nature will be had looking to the improvement of the roads in the county. A large gathering of the citizens of Colbert is expected to be in attendance on that occasion.

Colonel Thompson Withdraws. Tuscumbis, May 8—(Special)—The withdrawal of Col. Joseph N. Thompson from the race for treasurer of Colbert County, which he announced yesterday, has put the remaining four candidates to guessing as to where the votes con-trolled by him will go in the Demo-cratic primary May 18. Col. Thompson is a Confederate Veteran, commander of Camp W. A. Johnson of this city, and Brigadier General of the Third and Brigadier General of the Ti

Huntsville Wins Game.

Decatur, May 8,—(Special.)—Huntsville defeated Decatur in a fast game of baseball today. Huntsville, 15; De-



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